

on June 18, and was executed on June 30. In chapter v Macaulay gives a full account of his rebellion, basing his narrative mainly on Wodrow, and on the narrative of Sir Patrick Hume, who accompanied Argyle.¹ Since then, the journal of another of his companions, John Erskine of Carnock, has been published. Erskine left his studies at the University of Leyden ' to join in that design of endeavouring- . . . the delivery of our native land from being again drowned in popish idolatry and slavery \ Like Hume he makes it clear that divided counsels were one cause of the failure of the expedition: others were * the lukewarmness and little zeal ' of gentlemen and people in the Lowlands, and the desertion of Argyle by the f irre- ligious and cowardly Highlanders ' when he crossed the Clyde,² Outside his own clan Argyle was personally un- popular, and he possessed neither military skill nor the gifts of a leader. Macaulay lays the blame for the failure on Hume and the Committee, but it does not appear that if Argyle's hands had been entirely free he would have been more successful.

After the suppression of the rebellions headed by Mon- mouth and Argyle the position of King James was so much stronger that he could attempt to carry out his plans

¹ Hume's narrative is printed in vol. iii (1831) of the Papers of the Earls

of Marclimoat, ed, Sir George Rose. Macaulay also used the Memoirs of Mr. William Yeitch and George Brysson, ed. Thomas McCrie (1825).

² Journal of the Hoa. John Erskine of Caraoock, 1683-1687, ed. Walter Macleod, in Publications of the Scottish History Society, vol. xiv (1893), 113, 124, 130. Other new evidence may be found in the Hist. MSS. Comm., Athole MSS. (1891), pp. 12-24. One of these letters gives a detailed account of Argyle's capture which differs from that followed by Macaulay. The Manuscripts of the Duke of Argyle, calendared in the Sixth Report of the Hist. MSS. Comin. (1877), contain very little new information. A biography of Argyle, entitled A Scots Earl in Covenanting Times : Being Life and Times of Archibald, 9th Earl of Argyll, by Rev. John Willcock, was published in 1907.